

Meza, Fee earn top secretarial honors

Two JSC secretaries Cynthia Meza and Nancy Fee recently received the top award for secretarial support.

Meza of the Operations Division in the Mission Operation Directorate received the award for creating an office environment where tasks are completed efficiently and effectively.

In nominating her for the award, Randy Stone, director of Mission Operations said, "without Cyndi's demonstrated ability to act with confidence and coolness, the desired climate of office tranquillity could not prevail." Stone also praised Meza for bringing a sense of balance and commitment and an "all-important, ever-present common sense approach to accomplishing the myriad of tasks

which confront us on a daily basis."

Fee, of the Space and Life Sciences Directorate's Medical Operations Division, received the award for exhibiting exceptional initiative during times when the division work load was high and for coordinating multiple tasks efficiently.

John Rummel, acting director of the Space and Life Sciences Directorate, called Fee a "highly effective liaison to the division chief for our flight surgeons in Star City and has been instrumental in setting up telecons and arranging for interpreters for calls between the U.S. and Russia."

Another secretary honored in March, Angie Zavala, was incorrectly identified in the March 13 issue of Roundup. She is in Engineering's Structures and Mechanics Division.



JSC Photo by Benny Benavides

Nancy Fee of the Space and Life Sciences Directorate's Medical Operations Division, accepts the Marilyn J. Bocking Award for Secretarial Excellence from JSC Director George Abbey and Dr. Sam Pool, chief of the Medical Operations Division. In recognition of their excellence in the performance of their secretarial duties, both she and Cynthia Meza Operations Division in the Mission Operation Directorate received a \$750 check and a plaque.

20th annual FOD Chili Cookoff set

JSC will host its twentieth annual FOD chili cookoff from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. May 9 at the Gilruth Center.

Any directorate or office or contractor may enter a team. Thos inter-ested in entering for a \$40 fee may call Sandy Griffin, x31056.

There will be about 30 entries with trophies awarded for best chili, showmanship, and people's choice. Tickets cost \$3 for adults and \$2 for children (3-12) through May 1. After May 1 prices will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Tickets may be purchased through team captains, the JSC Exchange Store or Griffin.

There will be games, skits and a space trivia contest. Showmanship will be judged on pre-cookoff propa-ganda and activities in which judges will expect displays of team spirit, unique flyers, unique dress, team skits and decorative storefronts.

People on the Move

Human Resources reports the following personnel changes as of March 28:

Key Management Assignments

Mark Hammerschmidt was selected as chief, Guidance, Navigation, and Control Design and Analysis Branch, Aeroscience and Flight Mechanics Division, Engineering Directorate.

Bill Jordan was selected as manager, Payload Integration Office, Space Shuttle Program Office.

Richard Rodriguez was selected as chief, Crew Station Branch, Flight Crew Support Division, Space and Life Sciences Directorate.

Additions to the Workforce

Rob Kolb joins the Space Station Business Management Office as a contract specialist.

Christopher Gerty joins the Cargo Integration and Operations Branch in the Mission Operations Directorate as a flight controller.

Marilyn Lewis joins the Mission Integration Office in the International Space Station Program Office as a secretary.

Scott Brown joins the Administration Office at the White Sands Test Facility as a contracting officer.

Promotions

Jill Goldstein was selected as a program analyst in the Institutional Business Management Office in the Business Management Directorate.

Steve Guy was selected as a program analyst in the Institutional Business Management Office in the Business Management Directorate.

Jeanette Fanelli was selected as a secretary in the Aeroscience and Flight Mechanics Division in the Engineering Directorate.

Reassignments Between Directorates

Peter Bethke moves from the International Space Station Program Office to the Engineering Directorate.

Dave Whittle moves from the Safety, Reliability and Quality Assurance Office to the Space Shuttle Program Office.

Dalia Riojas moves from the Mission Operations Directorate to the International Space Station Program Office.

Resignations

Bill Wisecarver of the Business Management Directorate.

Employees receive Space Act Awards

Space Act Awards recognize employees in a variety of aspects including NASA Tech Briefs, patent applications, Cosmic software applications and scientific or technical contributions in aeronautical and space activities. These awards are presented to both NASA and contractor employees and are administered by NASA Headquarters. The recipients were honored at a ceremony on March 3 to present the awards.

Tech Briefs Awards recipients include Flight Crew Operations

Directorate's David Wolf; Engineering Directorate's Horacio de la Fuente, G. Dickey Arndt, Patrick Fink, Scott Hankins, Leslie Quiocho, William Schneider, Bernard Rosenbaum and Christopher Lovchik; and Space and Life Sciences Directorate's Eric Christiansen, Jeanne Crews, Steve Gonda and Thomas Goodwin; Space Station Program Office's Alan Holt.

Patent Application Awards were presented to Engineering Directorate's Walter Guy and Joe Kosmo; and Flight Crew Operations

Directorate's Peggy Wilson.

Space Board Act Awards recipients include Engineering Directorate's Dickey Arndt, Thanh Nguyen, Floyd Booker, Mark McDonald, Wayne Peterson, Edward Robertson, Scott Hankins, Patrick McCartney, Leslie Quiocho, David Hamilton, Edgar Castro, Timothy Pelischek, Gregg Edeen, Irene Verinder and James Ackerman; Space Station Program Office's Kornel Nagy; and Space and Life Sciences Directorate's Charles Sawin.

Worker's model airplanes on display at new presidential library

Visitors to the newly opened George Bush Presidential Library on the Texas A&M campus in College Station will find memorabilia on display from the president's years in office and from his previous years of service during World War II.

Among the items is a full-sized TBM "Avenger" torpedo bomber painted in the markings of the actual aircraft flown by President Bush during the war. Additionally, a miniature squadron of scale model World War II aircraft populate the deck of a replica aircraft carrier that provides the centerpiece of the exhibit saluting the president and his colleagues.

Mark Veile, a seven-year JSC veteran and employee of United Space Alliance, constructed the aircraft for this display with a group of local model airplane builders. He's a shuttle simulator instructor in the

Spaceflight Training Division.

A scale model of the USS San Jacinto, the aircraft carrier that President Bush was assigned to during the war, had been on display for several years aboard the battleship Texas. Years of neglect and Texas humidity had taken their toll on the 15-foot model. When the decision was made to refurbish the model in order to place it in the library, the need arose to construct realistic model airplanes. Veile and four other model airplane enthusiasts built the 25 aircraft on the carrier deck to represent the president's bomber squadron, VT-51, and the fighter squadron, VF-51.

Using kits of the 'Avenger' torpedo bombers and 'Hellcat' fighters, books on President Bush's World War II years and war-time photos of the actual planes, Veile devoted about

40 hours to building and painting each model.

Since flight deck space was limited on the carriers' deck, the aircraft were normally stored and readied for flight with wings folded alongside the fuselage. "This presented the biggest challenge and required a major modification to each of the model aircraft. The wings on all of my models were cut off and assembled in the folded position," Veile said.

The first delivery of completed models was made to the library in October 1997. "When I saw the carrier, I was stunned at the size of the model but also at the sense of incompleteness of the empty flight deck," Veile said. "Once I placed my aircraft on the deck along with the others, the scene came alive with the deadly sense of purpose that the aircraft carrier represents."

Dates & Data

April 10

Space society meets: The Clear Lake chapter of the National Space Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 10 at the Radisson Hotel, 9100 Gulf Fwy. in the Deer Park room. Mark Pestana, manager of Earth and space sciences in the space station payloads office, will speak on "Space Station Lifeboats: Soyuz and Crew Return." For more information, call Murray Clark at 367-2227.

Astronomers meet: The JSC Astronomical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. April 10 at the Center for Advanced Space Studies, 3600 Bay Area Blvd. Rita Karl from the Moody Gardens Discovery Pyramid, will speak on "A Layman's Look at the Hubble Telescope." For more information, call Chuck Shaw at x35416.

April 14

NPMA meets: The National Property Management Association will meet at 5 p.m. April 14 at Robinette and Doyle Caterers, 216 Kirby in Seabrook. Dinner costs \$14. For details, call Sina Hawsey at x36582.

Aero club meets: The Bay Area Aero Club will meet at 7 p.m. April 14 at the Houston Gulf Airport clubhouse at 2750 FM 1266 in League City. For more information, call Larry Henderson at x32050.

April 15

Spaceland Toastmasters meet: The Spaceland Toastmasters will meet at 7 a.m. April 15 at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church. For more information, call George Salazar at x30162.

Communicators meet: The Clear Lake Communicators will meet at 11:30 a.m. April 15. For information and location, contact Henry Duke at 281-280-4403 or Melissa Sommers at 281-332-0698.

Spaceteam Toastmasters meet: The Spaceteam Toastmasters will meet at 11:30 a.m. April 15 at United Space Alliance, 600 Gemini. For details, call Chuck Kubricht at 282-3908 or Brian Collins at x35190.

Astronomy seminar: The JSC Astronomy Seminar will meet at noon April 15 in Bldg. 31, Rm. 129.

Dr. Larry Friesen will speak on "Hypervelocity Impact with Light Gas Guns." For more information, call Al Jackson at x35037.

Scuba club meets: The Lunarfans will meet at 7:30 p.m. April 15. For information and location, call Mike Manering at x32618.

April 16

Child care board: The Space Family Education board of directors for the JSC Child Care Center will meet at 11:30 a.m. April 16 in Bldg. 45, Rm. 712D. For more information on this open meeting, call Gretchen Thomas at x37664.

SHPE meets: The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 16. For details, call Juan Anaya at 587-6824.

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April 23

NCMA meets: The National Contract Management Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. April 23 at the Gilruth Center. The speaker will be LeRoy Haugh, vice president for procurement and finance, Aerospace Industries Association, Washington, D.C. For information call Nancy Liounis at x31865.

Radio Club meets: The JSC Amateur Radio Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 23 at the Piccadilly, 2465 Bay Area Blvd. For more information, call Larry Dietrich at x39198.

April 25

NSBE meets: The National Society of Black Engineers-Houston Alumni Extension is hosting its First Annual Scholarship Luncheon on Saturday, April 25, 1998 at Brady's Landing at 11:30 am. For those that are interested in attending, please contact Sabra Crawford at 333-7028 for tickets.

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